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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Tom Munson, Senior Reclamation Specialist *TM*

RE: Site Inspection, Alpine Gems & Minerals, Big Dry Valley (S/025/015) and Butler Valley Quarries (S/025/016), Kane County, Utah

Date of Inspection: August 22, 2001
Time of Inspection: 2:00 – 4:30 p.m.
Conditions: Sunny
Participants: Paul Lamoreaux, Alpine Gems; Doug Powell, BLM; Tom Munson, Paul Baker, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection: To inspect this site that has exceeded the five acre threshold of a small mine and determine what needs to be done to bring site back into compliance.

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We arrived at the site around 2:00 p.m. We proceeded to look at some areas that has been regraded and discussed what needed to be done to bring the site below five acres. There are basically two areas: one at the turnoff to Groven Airs Arch (which they call Red Ace) and another at Butler Valley. The one in Butler Valley has several sites. His intent is to reclaim about half or a little more of Butler Valley and about 1 – 1 ½ acres at Red Ace. This may or may not bring him under the five acres. Another inspection will need to be performed to determine if he has completed the requirements.

Based on the fact that there is a fair amount of tumbleweed and other species growing, it was determined that he needed to remove the tumbleweeds, plow them under (before they set seed), and then he can seed this fall. Basically, it seems appropriate to wait until this fall, at the latest November 30th, to determine if he has met his requirements.

The BLM requires that Mr. Lamoreaux submit a mining plan within two weeks, which will fall under the requirements of the new 3809's. As a consequence of that, he will also have to post a bond. Right now, the BLM has taken the stance that he is not in compliance with the new 3809's and, therefore, requires him to meet those more stringent requirements and submit a plan.

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We then headed over to his other claims, the orange alabaster. There was no significant change since I was last there. We viewed the site and left about 5:00 p.m.